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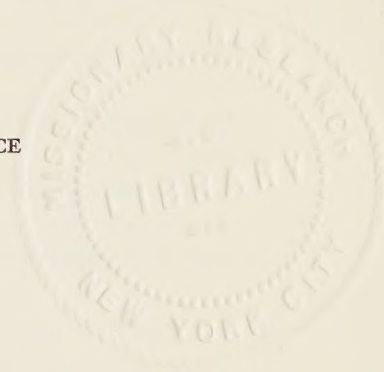


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HANDBOOK
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Among the Indians and Others
in North America
1787-1964

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PREFACE

IN 1953 our fellow-member, the Reverend Dr. Frederick Lewis Weis, published a handbook of the Society in which he not only brought up to date Mr. Hunnewell's centennial history of 1887 but with his usual painstaking diligence included considerable fresh information hitherto unavailable in print. In the preparation of this pamphlet, the editor has drawn freely from these two sources but, in addition, has examined the official records and papers of the Society which have been preserved in unbroken sequence since 1787 and are currently deposited with the Massachusetts Historical Society. There are approximately 1500 letters dating from 1749 and some 500 business documents, which constitute a rich mine of social and religious history worthy of more detailed study.

The seal of the Society, now reproduced for the first time in seventy-five years, was designed in 1791 by Christian Gullager (1759-1826) and engraved by Joseph Callender (1751-1821). An impression struck off as a bookplate was for many years attached to all books and tracts distributed by the agents of the Society.

I am indebted to my friend, Mr. George R. Ursul, for his helpful criticism and careful proofreading of the text.

R. D. P.

Boston
July 25, 1964

HISTORY

ON March 16, 1762, one hundred and four citizens of Massachusetts were incorporated as the *Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge among the Indians of North America* with the intention of carrying on the work which had hitherto been conducted from England by *The New England Company of 1649*. This latter society had supported the missionary labors of John Eliot and provided for the printing of the two editions of his Indian Bible; subsequently it had maintained work on Martha's Vineyard and paid the stipend of Jonathan Edwards to work among the Stockbridge Indians after his unhappy dismissal from his Northampton Church. The New England Company, probably the oldest Protestant missionary society in the world, was incorporated to carry on "preaching and propagating of the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the Natives, and also for maintaining of Schools and Nurseries of Learning, and for better education of the Children of Natives"; yet the scope of activity was not limited exclusively to the New England area and by 1762 the inhabitants of Massachusetts believed that the time had come to form a society of their own to promote the laudable aims of their English predecessor.

The Lords of Trade to whom all provincial legislation was referred immediately took a dim view of this new and perhaps competitive society and proffered strong objections:

in the first place the operation of the Act, tho' the Society itself would consist only of the inhabitants of the Massachusetts erected by an Act of that Province, would extend beyond the limits of the Province itself and in second so extensive a power given to one Colony may hereafter

interfere with any general plan Your Majesty may think it advisable to pursue for the management of Indian Affairs in No. America. We are authorized in the apprehension by the late experience we have had of like inconveniences from the conduct of the Committee of Assembly in Pennsylvania the consequence of which Proceedings are set forth in the Papers, annexed to the Representation of the said Board to Your Majesty dated 14th January last. We beg leave to add that the Society is by the Act subject to no control, Audit or Examination, tho' they are made capable of receiving any Grants of Land and of disbursing Sums for services to a very great extent.¹

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, therefore, on May 20, 1763 disallowed the act and thus ended any further local attempts to incorporate an Indian missionary society until after the American Revolution. It was generally believed that the leaders of the Anglican Church in England had been responsible for the disallowance of the act but it is probably more accurate to attribute the action to the general belief abroad that the citizens of Massachusetts were all too ready to extend themselves beyond the bounds of submissive colonials.

In 1761 Colonel John Alford of Charlestown had died and by his will directed that the remainder of his estate (ultimately compromised as four-tenth parts of the residue) should be appropriated

to charitable sums, private or more public, such as may be thought most agreeable to the mind and will of God . . . and the good of those who shall be thought the most suitable objects for it . . . by my executors . . . they asking the advice of some reverend and good gentlemen as occasion may need and require.

¹Massachusetts. The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay. Boston, 1881 IV. 523.

It is very likely that the prospect of this source of support had given impetus to the forming of the *Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge* for his surviving executor twenty-five years later had \$10,000 of the fund still intact to be applied to the same purpose. In fact, Samuel Dexter in a letter to the Reverend Peter Thacher in 1788 stated that

many years ago some of the first characters in Massachusetts did me the honour to associate me with them in an application to the General Court to be incorporated into a society for promoting Christian knowledge among the Indians. Large sums were subscribed, which would have been punctually paid to lay the foundations of a fund for that purpose had not the design been defeated by the influence of the dignified Episcopal clergy in Great Britain.¹

Immediately following the Revolution the domestic affairs of the Commonwealth were in too confused a state to admit of extensive plans for missionary activities, but the need was apparent for some organization to support the work formerly conducted by the New England Company, which had now transferred its activity to Canada. In 1787 the Scottish Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (founded in 1709) commissioned twenty-five gentlemen in Boston and the vicinity to disburse their funds "for the education of Indian youths or Missionaries to be employed among the Indians." This commission aroused the local conscience to the responsibility to the natives and on November 19, 1787, twenty-one clergymen and laymen "with such others as they [should] elect" were incorporated as THE SOCIETY FOR PROPAGATING THE GOSPEL AMONG THE INDIANS AND OTHERS IN NORTH AMERICA. The Society, under its charter, was limited to fifty members and was to "have perpetual succession."

¹ MS. letter in files of the Society.

It is significant that all of the twenty-one Corporators had also been included in the Commission from the society in Scotland and included seven members from the earlier society of 1762.

The Society received the full and immediate endorsement of church and state. Governor John Hancock issued a proclamation on June 20, 1788, in which he recommended

to the good people of this Commonwealth, to contribute according to their abilities, in money, public securities or other property, to this benevolent design, a design which early employed the attention of our venerable forefathers.

The petitioners had pressed the claims of the Indians as a moral and spiritual commitment but in their brief they had not scrupled to point out that

The peace and learning which prevailed in general between the Indians bordering on the northern States of the Union, and the citizens thereof, during the late war, may in good measure be attributed to the exertions of the Missionaries who were supported among them: And that perhaps it may not now be an object of less political consequence, to continue and encourage their exertions; as the British are practicing every art to induce the Indians to retire from among us, into the more interior parts of the continent, that they may secure to themselves exclusively the benefits of the fur trade, and their alliance in any future rupture.

Richard Cary, the surviving executor under the will of Colonel Alford informed the Society on May 27, 1789 that

Colonel Alford, when living, was often speaking and writing of such a plan; he was desirous the Aborigines should be both civilized and christianized; that the Gospel should be sent into the dark, benighted parts of the land . . . I have often heard him speak with concern of the state of the Indians, how gentlemen in England were at great expence

in having the Gospel propagated among them, while we, in this country, were inattentive to this important concern. . . . but should the faithful attempts to Christianize the Indian within the United States be attended with little or no success . . . I do earnestly request that the interest of the money . . . may be appropriated to the purpose of educating pious young men of good natural abilities, for the purpose of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ — the preference to young gentlemen of the aforesaid character who are the sons of ministers of the Gospel.

For a number of years the General Court appropriated either \$500 or \$1000 for the work of “missionaries at the eastward . . . to the eastern parts of this Commonwealth” which, of course, meant the District of Maine, and primarily for the “others” designated in the charter. In effect, the Society maintained schools for the pioneer settlers in Maine and, more or less regularly from 1791 to 1809, the General Court provided monies for that purpose. Although the solicitation of funds authorized by the Governor’s Proclamation only realized \$1,561.01, the annual public services held ordinarily in the First Church in Boston and for many years attended by the Governor, council and members of the Legislature were continuing sources of financial support through the collection following the sermon. These services were conducted through 1837 and the records attribute gross receipts of \$5,393.07 from this source.

In the first twenty-five years of the existence of the Society we find mention of missionary labor at Norridge-wock, Lincoln, Kennebeck and York counties in Maine, Martha’s Vineyard, Oneida and Stockbridge, New York, Isle of Shoals, Cape Cod, Rhode Island, Mashpee and Long Meadow. The Indians were never completely forgotten, but it is apparent that the needs of the white settlers in the sparsely settled frontiers of New England claimed a large

share of the attention of the Society. In addition to preaching and conducting schools, the missionaries distributed pious books and tracts — in 1795 to the number of fifteen hundred and eighty of which one hundred and thirty were Bibles and Testaments.

After 1835 the Society began to prosecute its work among the Indians more exclusively, partly, no doubt, because the need was less urgent among the white settlers, but also because of a legal opinion secured from Judge Charles Jackson, a recent member, which led the Society to decide that “the attempt to propagate the gospel among the Indians has not yet been prosecuted with sufficient vigor.”

In 1887 the Society observed its centennial and an excellent history by James Frothingham Hunnewell was published in that year. In a period of a hundred years it was reported that the Society “had employed one hundred sixty-six missionaries in more than eighty outposts which reached from Maine to the state of Washington and along the southern Canadian border.”

The original incorporators had been ministers and laymen of the Congregational denomination. At the beginning of the next century the Massachusetts Congregational churches divided into Trinitarian and Unitarian branches and have so continued to the present day. The Indian Society or “The Society with the Long Name,” as it is often called, did not divide but began the practice of electing approximately an equal number of laymen and clergy from the Congregational and Unitarian churches and, although occasionally members are chosen from other communions, this balance of membership has been maintained.

The Society currently has assets of approximately one hundred thousand dollars and carries on a modest work with the Indians through the agency of the Division of Home

Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. It is probably the oldest missionary society in North America and, although its funds do not permit a large program, it serves a vital purpose in keeping before the public the peculiar situation of the American Indian and the need for continued advocacy of his cause.

OFFICERS

June 1, 1964

Rev. Richard Donald Pierce, Ph.D.	<i>President</i>
Rev. Frederick Mayer Meek, D.D., Litt.D., LL.D.	<i>Vice-President</i>
McKinley Harold Warren, A.B.	<i>Secretary</i>
Gilbert Russell Payson, A.B.	<i>Assistant Secretary</i>
Augustus Peabody Loring, M.B.A.	<i>Treasurer</i>
Harold Stearns Davis, LL.B.	<i>Vice-Treasurer</i>

MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY FOR PROPAGATING THE GOSPEL AMONG THE INDIANS

1964

Elected

1915

Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, D.D., S.T.D., Litt.D.

1927

Rev. Vaughan Dabney, D.D.

1930

Richard Mason Smith, M.D.

Harold Stearns Davis, LL.B.

1932

Harry LeBaron Sampson, LL.B.

Rev. Russell Henry Stafford, D.D., LL.D., Litt.D.

1933

Francis Philip Sears, LL.B.

1934

Rev. Palfrey Perkins, D.D.

- 1936
Rev. Ray Anderson Eusden, D.D.
- 1937
Rev. Dan Huntington Fenn, S.T.D.
Rev. Frank Orville Holmes, S.T.D.
Rev. Leslie Talbot Pennington, L.H.D., D.D.
- 1942
McKinley Harold Warren, A.B.
Rev. Rodney Wiley Roundy, D.D.
Rev. Frederick Lewis Weis, Th.D.
- 1943
Rev. Mark A. Dawber, D.D.
Rev. Dana McLean Greeley, D.D., S.T.D., LL.D.
- 1945
Rev. Frank Jennings, D.D.
- 1946
Thomas Hopkinson Eliot, LL.D.
Augustus Peabody Loring, M.B.A.
Rev. Frederic Groetsema, D.D.
- 1947
Rev. Frederick Mayer Meek, D.D., Litt.D., LL.D.
- 1950
Chauncey Cushing Nash, A.B.
- 1951
Rev. Duncan Howlett, LL.D., D.D.
- 1952
Robert Fiske Bradford, LL.D.
Stedman Buttrick, A.B.
Henry Hornblower II, S.B.
Rev. Albert Buckner Coe, D.D.
- 1954
Leon Magaw Little, A.B.
Rev. Miles Hanson, Jr., D.D.
Samuel Vaughan, A.B.

1956

Francis Bacon Lothrop, A.B.
Charles William Eliot II, M.L.A.

1957

Gilbert Russell Payson, A.B.

1959

Rev. Joseph Barth, D.D.
John Eliot, M.A.T.
Rev. Richard Donald Pierce, Ph.D.
Rev. Jon Louis Regier, D.D.

1961

Rev. Ross Cannon, D.D.
Arthur Hardy Lord, Ed.M.
William Bradford Osgood, M.B.A.

1962

Rev. Forrest Lamar Knapp, Ph.D.
Loomis Patrick, LL.B.
Stephen Phillips, A.B.
Rev. Rhys Williams, LL.D.

1963

Rev. Albert Jacob Penner, D.D.
Clifford Kenyon Shipton, Ph.D.

1964

Thomas Boylston Adams
Henry Freeman Allen, M.D.
Rev. Bradford Eugene Gale, D.D.

OFFICERS, 1787-1964

Presidents of the Society

Hon. Oliver Wendell, A.M.	1787-1793
Hon. Thomas Russell	1793-1796
Hon. Moses Gill	1796-1800
Hon. James Sullivan, LL.D.	1800-1806
Hon. William Phillips	1806-1827
Hon. Jonathan Phillips, A.M.	1827-1837
Hon. Lemuel Shaw, LL.D.	1837-1861
Hon. George Tyler Bigelow, LL.D.	1861-1877
Rev. Samuel Kirkland Lothrop, D.D., LL.D.	1877-1885
Rev. Rufus Ellis, D.D.	1885-1886
Hon. Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar, LL.D.	1886-1887
Rev. Andrew Preston Peabody, D.D., LL.D.	1887-1893
Samuel Johnson, A.M.	1893-1900
Rev. James DeNormandie, D.D.	1900-1910
Hon. Winslow Warren, LL.B.	1910-1919
Rev. James Hardy Ropes, D.D.	1919-1933
Rev. Ashley Day Leavitt, D.D.	1933-1955
Rev. Edward Perry Daniels, D.D.	1955-1962
Rev. Richard Donald Pierce, Ph.D.	1962-

Vice-Presidents

Hon. Moses Gill	1787-1796
Hon. Oliver Wendell, A.M.	1796-1805
Hon. William Phillips	1805-1806
Rev. John Lathrop, D.D.	1806-1816
Rev. Eliphalet Porter, D.D.	1816-1834
Rev. Henry Ware, D.D.	1834-1843
Rev. William Jenks, D.D., LL.D.	1843-1866
Rev. George Washington Blagden, D.D.	1866-1885
Hon. Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar, LL.D.	1885-1886
Rev. Andrew Preston Peabody, D.D., LL.D.	1886-1887

Samuel Johnson, A.M.	1887-1892
Rev. James DeNormandie, D.D.	1892-1900
Hon. Roger Wolcott, LL.D.	1900-1900
Prof. James Bradley Thayer, LL.D.	1901-1902
Rev. Morton Dexter, A.M.	1902-1908
Hon. Winslow Warren, LL.B.	1909-1910
Rev. William Wallace Fenn, D.D.	1910-1918
Rev. Francis Greenwood Peabody, D.D., LL.D.	1919-1929
Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, D.D., S.T.D., Litt.D.	1930-1937
Rev. Samuel Atkins Eliot, D.D., LL.D.	1938-1940
Henry Russell Scott, LL.B.	1941-1952
Thomas Temple Pond, A.B.	1952-1961
Rev. Richard Donald Pierce, Ph.D.	1961-1962
Rev. Frederick Mayer Meek, D.D., Litt.D., LL.D.	1962-

Secretaries

Rev. Edward Wigglesworth, D.D.	1787-1790
Rev. Peter Thacher, D.D.	1790-1802
Rev. Jedediah Morse, D.D.	1803-1810
Rev. Abiel Holmes, D.D., LL.D.	1810-1829
Rev. Alden Bradford, LL.D.	1829-1843
Rev. Francis Parkman, D.D.	1843-1852
Rev. Samuel Kirkland Lothrop, D.D., LL.D.	1852-1876
Rev. Rufus Ellis, D.D.	1876-1884
Rev. Alexander McKenzie, D.D.	1884-1910
Rev. Charles Edwards Park, D.D.	1910-1941
Rev. Samuel Atkins Eliot, D.D., LL.D.	1941-1942
McKinley Harold Warren, A.B.	1942-

Treasurers

Hon. Jonathan Mason	1787-1790
Ebenezer Storer, A.M.	1790-1806
Samuel Hall Walley, Esq.	1806-1828
Hon. Asahel Stearns, LL.D.	1829-1838
Hon. James Savage, LL.D.	1838-1841

George Bond, Esq.	1841-1842
Hon. Peter Oxenbridge Thacher, A.M.	1842-1843
Hon. James Savage, LL.D.	1843-1850
Hon. Stephen Fairbanks	1850-1863
Thornton Kirkland Lothrop, LL.B.	1863-1883
Hon. Samuel Crocker Cobb	1884-1891
Arthur Lord, LL.D., Litt.D.	1891-1902
Francis Henry Brown, M.D.	1902-1917
Henry Herbert Edes, A.M.	1917-1922
Henry Ware, LL.B.	1922-1948
Augustus Peabody Loring III, M.B.A.	1948-

Field Secretaries

Rev. George Frederick Kenngott, Ph.D., D.D.	1910-1911
Rev. Arthur P. Wedge	1911-1927
Rev. G. Elmer E. Lindquist, D.D., <i>emeritus</i> 1953-	1927-1953
Rev. Edward Russell Carter, A.M.	1953-

MEMBERS

1787-1964

<i>Elected</i>	<i>Residence or Date of Death</i>
1964 <i>Thomas Boylston Adams</i>	<i>Lincoln</i>
1886 Hon. Peleg Emory Aldrich, LL.D.	14 March 1895
1863 Hon. Charles Allen, LL.D.	6 August 1869
1964 <i>Henry Freeman Allen, M.D.</i>	<i>Boston</i>
1852 William Turell Andrews, A.M.	24 November 1879
1792 Nathaniel Appleton, A.M.	26 June 1798
1883 Gen. Samuel Chapman Armstrong, LL.D.	
	(1888*) 11 May 1893
1928 Rev. Harold Greene Arnold, S.T.B.	(1962*)
1863 Col. Thomas Aspinwall, A.M.	11 August 1876
1804 Rev. Thomas Barnard, D.D.	1 October 1814
1839 Rev. Samuel Barrett, D.D.	24 June 1866
1959 <i>Rev. Joseph Barth, D.D.</i>	<i>Boston</i>
1852 Rev. William Barry	17 January 1885
1844 Rev. Cyrus Augustus Bartol, D.D.	
	(1856*) 16 December 1900
1891 Rev. George Murillo Bartol, D.D.	20 June 1906
1895 Rev. George Batchelor, D.D.	(1918*) 21 June 1923
1805 Rev. Joshua Bates, D.D.	14 January 1854
1895 Rev. Samuel Collins Beane, D.D.	16 May 1916
1788 Rev. Jeremy Belknap, D.D.	20 June 1798
1907 Judge John Alvin Bennett, LL.B.	
	(1926*) 13 February 1935
1859 Hon. George Tyler Bigelow, LL.D.	12 April 1878
1927 Rev. Thomas Henry Billings, Ph.D.,	
	(1934*) 12 April 1959

*Resigned.

- 1858 Rev. George Washington Blagden, D.D. 17 December 1884
- 1917 Charles Knowles Bolton, A.B. (1937*) 19 May 1950
- 1833 George Bond, Esq. 23 May 1842
- 1788 Gov. James Bowdoin, LL.D., F.R.S. 6 November 1790
- 1794 Rev. Alden Bradford, LL.D. 23 October 1843
- 1952 *Gov. Robert Fiske Bradford, LL.D.* Cambridge
- 1890 Frank Eliot Bradish, A.B. 20 January 1914
- 1891 John Lewis Bremer 11 January 1896
- 1959 John Otis Brew, Ph.D. (1961*)
- 1835 Rev. Charles Briggs, A.M. 17 December 1873
- 1840 Rev. George Ware Briggs, D.D. (1846*) 10 September 1895
- 1880 Rev. John Graham Brooks, S.T.B. (1880*) 8 February 1938
- 1886 Rt. Rev. Phillips Brooks, D.D. 23 January 1893
- 1895 Francis Henry Brown, M.D. 16 May 1917
- 1891 Rev. Howard Nicholson Brown, D.D. 16 February 1932
- 1848 Rev. William Ives Budington, D.D. 29 November 1879
- 1890 Rev. Benjamin Reynolds Bulkeley, S.T.B. 18 April 1930
- 1805 Benjamin Bussey, Esq. 13 January 1842
- 1952 *Stedman Buttrick, A.B.* Concord
- 1916 Rev. Raymond Calkins, D.D. (1942*)
- 1961 *Rev. Ross Cannon, D.D.* West Newton
- 1923 Albert Eaton Carr, Esq. 4 June 1926
- 1788 Richard Carey, Esq. 7 February 1790
- 1874 Rev. George Leonard Chaney, A.B. 19 April 1922
- 1804 Rev. William Ellery Channing, D.D. 2 October 1842
- 1825 James Prescott Chaplin, M.D. 14 October 1828
- 1871 George Bigelow Chase, A.M. 2 June 1902
- 1896 Rev. John Wesley Churchill, D.D. 13 April 1900
- 1858 Rev. Dexter Clapp, A.M. 24 July 1868
- 1902 Eliot Channing Clarke, A.B. 4 May 1921

1787	Rev. John Clarke, D.D.	2 April 1798
1933	Rev. Rex Stowers Clements, D.D., Litt.D.	(1937*)
1883	Hon. Samuel Crocker Cobb	18 February 1891
1822	Rev. John Codman, D.D.	23 December 1847
1952	<i>Rev. Albert Buckner Coe, D.D.</i>	<i>Meredith, N. H.</i>
1926	William Ogilvie Comstock	8 October 1931
1891	Frank Gaylord Cook, LL.B.	(1942*) 3 March 1948
1925	Francis Lowell Coolidge, A.B.	2 September 1942
1855	Rev. James Ivers Trecothick Coolidge, D.D.	(1862*) 18 June 1913
1887	Joseph Randolph Coolidge, Jr., A.M.	8 August 1928
1923	Rev. Louis Craig Cornish, D.D., D.P.Sc.	7 January 1950
1787	Hon. Richard Cranch, A.M.	16 October 1811
1902	Gov. Winthrop Murray Crane, LL.D.	2 October 1920
1906	Rev. Samuel McChord Crothers, D.D., D.Litt.	9 November 1927
1916	Henry Winchester Cunningham, A.B.	27 October 1930
1931	Greeley Stevenson Curtis, M.E.	15 December 1947
1922	Elbridge Gerry Cutler, M.D.	23 June 1929
1818	Hon. Pliny Cutler	29 March 1852
1927	<i>Rev. Vaughan Dabney, D.D.</i>	<i>Brookline</i>
1935	Cyrus Edwin Dallin, A.M.	14 November 1944
1787	Hon. Francis Dana, LL.D.	25 April 1811
1937	Rev. Edward Perry Daniels, D.D.	14 January 1962
1902	George Allen Dary, Esq.	30 December 1905
1930	<i>Harold Stearns Davis, LL.B.</i>	<i>Boston</i>
1902	James Clarke Davis, A.B.	11 May 1905
1804	Hon. John Davis, LL.D.	(1836*) 14 January 1847
1943	<i>Rev. Mark A. Dawber, D.D.</i>	<i>Long Beach, L. I.</i>
1788	Col. Thomas Dawes	2 January 1809
1807	Hon. Thomas Dawes, Jr., A.M.	22 July 1825
1907	Rev. John Hopkins Denison, D.D. (1923*)	18 January 1936
1851	Daniel Denny, Esq.	9 February 1872

*Resigned.

- 1907 Charles Lunt DeNormandie, LL.B. 12 September 1926
 1867 Rev. James DeNormandie, D.D. 6 October 1924
 1900 Rev. Morton Dexter, A.M. (1909*) 29 October 1910
 1788 Hon. Samuel Dexter, Esq. 10 June 1810
 1880 Rev. Pitt Dillingham, S.T.B. (1895*) 2 April 1926
 1882 Rev. Charles Fletcher Dole, D.D.
 (1914*) 27 November 1927
 1954 Dudley Huntington Dorr 5 December 1961
 1882 Rev. Joseph Tuthill Duryea, D.D., LL.D. 17 May 1898

 1787 Rev. Joseph Eckley, D.D. 30 April 1811
 1887 Henry Herbert Edes, A.M. 13 October 1922
 1901 Rev. James Eells, A.B.† (1910*)
 1886 Charles William Eliot, Ph.D., M.D., LL.D.
 22 August 1926
 1956 *Charles William Eliot II, M.L.A.* *Cambridge*
 1888 Rev. Christopher Rhodes Eliot, LL.D. 20 June 1945
 1956 Rev. Frederick May Eliot, D.D., LL.D.
 17 February 1958
 1787 Rev. John Eliot, D.D. 14 February 1813
 1959 *John Eliot, A.M.* *Cambridge*
 1804 Samuel Eliot, Esq. 18 January 1820
 1838 Hon. Samuel Atkins Eliot, A.M. 29 January 1862
 1900 Rev. Samuel Atkins Eliot, D.D., LL.D. 15 October 1950
 1946 *Hon. Thomas Hopkinson Eliot, LL.D.*
University City, Missouri
 1928 William Ellery, Esq. 21 July 1961
 1888 Rev. Arthur Blake Ellis, S.T.B., LL.B.
 25 December 1923
 1844 Rev. George Edward Ellis, D.D., LL.D.
 20 December 1894
 1855 Rev. Rufus Ellis, D.D. 23 September 1885
 1846 George Barrell Emerson, LL.D. 4 March 1881
 1911 Ephraim Emerton, Ph.D. 3 March 1935

† Last known address, London, England (1918).

1787	Rev. Nathaniel Emmons, D.D.	23 September 1840
1851	Nathaniel Henry Emmons, Esq.	16 March 1878
1886	William Endicott, Jr., A.M.	7 November 1914
1936	<i>Rev. Ray Anderson Eusden, D.D.</i>	<i>Newton</i>

1847	Hon. Stephen Fairbanks	10 September 1866
1850	Hon. Albert Fearing	25 May 1875
1937	<i>Rev. Dan Huntington Fenn, S.T.D.</i>	<i>Cambridge</i>
1906	Rev. William Wallace Fenn, D.D.	6 March 1932
1837	Rev. Joseph Field, D.D.	5 November 1869
1891	Hon. Walbridge Abner Field, LL.D.	15 July 1899
1907	Charles Henry Fiske, Jr., LL.B.	5 January 1945
1906	Rev. Albert Parker Fitch, D.D.	(1923*) 22 May 1944
1869	Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, A.M.	29 May 1889
1915	<i>Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, D.D., S.T.D., Litt.D.</i>	<i>Cambridge</i>

1814	Rev. John Foster, D.D.	15 September 1829
1890	George William Fox, Esq.	12 February 1917
1833	Rev. Convers Francis, D.D.	7 April 1863
1787	Rev. Levi Frisbie, A.M.	21 February 1806
1906	Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, D.D.	27 November 1926

1964	<i>Rev. Bradford Eugene Gale, D.D.</i>	<i>Quincy</i>
1814	Caleb Gannett, A.M.	25 April 1818
1834	Rev. Ezra Stiles Gannett, D.D.	26 August 1871
1918	George Peabody Gardner, A.B.	6 June 1939
1814	Rev. Samuel Gile, D.D.	16 October 1836
1787	Hon. Moses Gill	20 May 1800
1892	Abner Cheney Goodell, Jr., A.M.	19 July 1914
1895	Rev. George Angier Gordon, D.D., LL.D.	
	(1901*) (reëlected 1923)	25 October 1929
1858	Benjamin Apthorp Gould, LL.D., F.R.S.	
		26 November 1896

*Resigned.

- 1892 Benjamin Apthorp Gould, LL.B. 23 June 1937
 1850 Samuel Greele, A.M. 16 August 1861
 1943 *Rev. Dana McLean Greeley, D.D., S.T.D., LL.D. Boston*
 1945 Jerome Davis Greene, LL.D. (1946*) 29 March 1959
 1792 David Stoddard Greenough, Esq. 24 August 1826
 1811 Rev. William Greenough, A.M. 10 August 1826
 1891 Rev. William Elliot Griffis, D.D., L.H.D.
 (1894*) 5 February 1928
 1946 *Rev. Frederic Groetsema, D.D. Whittier, California*
 1841 Benjamin Guild, A.M. 30 March 1858
 1880 Rev. Edward Chipman Guild, A.M. 6 November 1899
 1859 Samuel Eliot Guild, LL.B. 16 July 1862

 1905 Rev. Edward Hale, S.T.B. 27 March 1918
 1858 Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D.D., LL.D. 10 June 1909
 1874 Hon. George Silsbee Hale, A.M. 27 July 1897
 1846 Rev. Edward Brooks Hall, D.D. 3 March 1866
 1896 Rev. Edward Henry Hall, D.D. 22 February 1912
 1938 Lieut. Gordon Rexford Hall, A.B. 10 March 1946
 1954 *Rev. Miles Hanson, Jr., D.D. Weston*
 1822 Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, D.D. 3 April 1842
 1896 Albert Bushnell Hart, Ph.D., LL.D. 16 June 1943
 1814 Levi Hedge, LL.D. 3 January 1844
 1883 Rev. Brooke Herford, D.D. (1891*) 20 December 1903
 1900 Rev. Samuel Edward Herrick, D.D. 4 December 1904
 1902 Col. Henry Lee Higginson, LL.D. 14 November 1919
 1846 Rev. Alonzo Hill, D.D. 1 February 1871
 1890 Hamilton Alonzo Hill, A.M. 18 March 1899
 1887 Hamilton Andrews Hill, LL.D. 27 April 1895
 1850 Hon. George Stillman Hillard, LL.D. 21 January 1879
 1787 Rev. Timothy Hilliard, A.M. 9 May 1790
 1832 William Hilliard, Esq. 27 April 1836
 1892 Gustavus Arthur Hilton, LL.B. 18 September 1913
 1858 Hon. Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar, LL.D.
 31 January 1895

1839	Hon. Samuel Hoar, LL.D.	2 November 1856
1794	Rev. Abiel Holmes, D.D., LL.D.	4 June 1837
1937	<i>Rev. Frank Orville Holmes, S.T.D.</i>	<i>Oklahoma City</i>
1807	Edward Augustus Holyoke, M.D., LL.D.	
		31 March 1829
1952	<i>Henry Hornblower II, S.B.</i>	<i>Chestnut Hill</i>
1882	Rev. Francis Bickford Hornbrooke, D.D.	
		5 December 1903
1792	Rev. Simeon Howard, D.D.	13 August 1804
1912	Mark Antony DeWolfe Howe, Litt.D.	
		(1923*) 6 December 1960
1951	<i>Rev. Duncan Howlett, LL.D., D.D.</i>	<i>Washington, D. C.</i>
1825	Hon. Samuel Hubbard, LL.D.	24 December 1847
1914	Francis Welles Hunnewell, 2nd, LL.B.	15 January 1964
1880	James Frothingham Hunnewell, A.M.	
		11 November 1910
1847	Rt. Rev. Frederic Dan Huntington, D.D., LL.D.	
		(1869*) 11 July 1904
1814	Rev. Joshua Huntington, A.M.	11 September 1819
1923	Rev. Alfred Rodman Hussey, S.T.B.	10 August 1947
1802	David Hyslop, Esq.	16 August 1822
1787	Hon. William Hyslop	11 August 1796
1835	Hon. Charles Jackson, LL.D.	13 December 1855
1880	Rev. Henry Fitch Jenks, A.M.	31 January 1920
1832	Rev. William Jenks, D.D., LL.D.	13 November 1866
1945	<i>Rev. Frank Jennings, D.D.</i>	<i>Boston</i>
1882	Samuel Johnson, A.M.	13 August 1899
1900	Wolcott Howe Johnson	(1908*) 15 January 1912
1807	Rev. James Kendall, D.D.	17 March 1859
1912	Rev. George Frederick Kenngott, Ph.D., D.D.	
		27 August 1934

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1920	Lincoln Newton Kinnicutt, A.M.	13 December 1921
1852	Hon. Thomas Kinnicutt, A.M.	22 January 1858
1811	Rev. John Thornton Kirkland, D.D., LL.D.	(1834*) 26 April 1840
1901	George Lyman Kittredge, Litt.D., LL.D.	23 June 1941
1962	<i>Rev. Forrest Lamar Knapp, Ph.D.</i>	<i>Winchester</i>
1902	Hon. Marcus Perrin Knowlton, LL.D.	(1918*) 7 May 1918
1943	Rev. Carl Heath Kopf, D.D.	4 July 1958
1847	Rev. Alvan Lamson, D.D.	18 July 1864
1792	Rev. John Lathrop, D.D.	4 January 1816
1902	Hon. John Lathrop, LL.D.	24 August 1910
1844	Hon. Abbott Lawrence, LL.D.	15 August 1855
1886	Amos Adams Lawrence, A.M.	22 August 1886
1942	Rev. John Harris Leamon, D.D.	(1954*)
1930	Rev. Ashley Day Leavitt, D.D.	22 January 1959
1788	Thomas Lee, Esq.	26 May 1797
1885	Arthur Lincoln, LL.B.	9 December 1902
1794	Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, A.M.	9 May 1810
1851	Rev. Calvin Lincoln, A.M.	11 September 1881
1900	Francis Henry Lincoln, A.M.	7 July 1911
1908	Waldo Lincoln, A.M.	7 April 1933
1792	Rev. Daniel Little, A.M.	5 December 1801
1880	James Lovell Little, Jr., Esq.	21 August 1914
1954	<i>Leon Magaw Little, A.B.</i>	<i>Chestnut Hill</i>
1911	Col. John S. Lockwood	31 January 1920
1933	George Baker Long	29 February 1952
1947	Hilton Welborn Long	(1952*)
1914	Arthur Lord, LL.D., Litt.D.	10 April 1925
1961	<i>Arthur Hardy Lord, Ed.M.</i>	<i>Newton</i>
1935	Augustus Peabody Loring, Jr., A.B.	1 October 1951
1946	<i>Augustus Peabody Loring III, M.B.A.</i>	<i>Beverly</i>
1843	Hon. Charles Greeley Loring, LL.D.	8 October 1867
1956	<i>Francis Bacon Lothrop, A.B.</i>	<i>Boston</i>

- 1843 Rev. Samuel Kirkland Lothrop, D.D., LL.D. 12 June 1886
- 1860 Thornton Kirkland Lothrop, LL.B. 22 November 1913
- 1862 Hon. Jacob Hersey Loud, A.M. 2 February 1880
- 1925 Rev. Sydney Lovett, D.D. (1942*)
- 1908 Abbott Lawrence Lowell, LL.D., Litt.D. 6 January 1943
- 1814 Rev. Charles Lowell, D.D. 20 January 1861
- 1907 Hon. Francis Cabot Lowell, LL.D. 6 March 1911
- 1792 Hon. John Lowell, LL.D. 12 March 1840
- 1850 Rev. William Parsons Lunt, D.D. 21 March 1857
- 1882 Arthur Theodore Lyman, A.M. (1905*) (reelected 1909) 24 October 1915
- 1908 Rev. William Henry Lyon, D.D. 20 December 1916
- 1814 Rev. Joseph McKean, D.D., LL.D. 17 March 1818
- 1804 Rev. Joseph McKean, D.D. 15 July 1807
- 1871 Rev. Alexander McKenzie, D.D. 6 August 1914
- 1911 Rev. Alfred Manchester (1923*) 13 June 1926
- 1880 Rev. Jacob Merrill Manning, D.D. 29 November 1882
- 1888 James Fowle Baldwin Marshall, Esq. 6 May 1891
- 1787 Hon. Jonathan Mason 5 May 1798
- 1917 Albert Matthews, A.B. 13 April 1946
- 1864 Rev. James Howard Means, D.D. 13 April 1894
- 1947 *Rev. Frederick M. Meek, D.D., Litt.D., LL.D. Boston*
- 1880 Hon. James Parker Melledge 22 March 1881
- 1929 Rev. Boynton Merrill, D.D. (1945*)
- 1944 Rev. Charles Clarkson Merrill, D.D., LL.D. 1 April 1961
- 1916 Roger Bigelow Merriman, Ph.D. (1916*) 7 September 1945
- 1835 Rev. Henry Adolphus Miles, D.D. 31 May 1895
- 1908 Thomas Minns, Esq. 28 October 1913
- 1858 Hon. William Minot, A.M. 2 June 1873
- 1912 Rev. Edward Caldwell Moore, Th.D., D.D., LL.D. (1906*) 26 March 1943

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1902 Rev. George Foote Moore, D.D., LL.D. 16 May 1931
 1930 Warren King Moorhead, D.Sc. 5 January 1939
 1855 Rev. John Hopkins Morison, D.D. 26 April 1896
 1792 Rev. Jedediah Morse, D.D. 9 June 1826
 1862 Rev. William Oxnard Moseley, A.B. 10 February 1894

1950 Rev. I. George Nace, D.D. (1959*)
 1950 *Chauncey Cushing Nash, A.B.* Boston
 1859 Rev. Reginald Heber Neale, D.D. 18 September 1879
 1862 Rev. William Newell, D.D. 28 October 1881
 1901 Hon. John Noble, LL.D. 10 June 1909
 1911 John Noble, LL.B. 30 October 1943
 1890 Grenville Howland Norcross, LL.B.
 (1929*) 12 February 1937
 1847 Rev. George Rapall Noyes, D.D. 3 June 1868

1961 *William Bradford Osgood, M.B.A.* Boston

1833 Rev. John Gorham Palfrey, D.D., LL.D. 26 April 1881
 1802 Rev. Elijah Parish, D.D. 15 October 1825
 1907 Rev. Charles Edwards Park, D.D. 23 September 1962
 1856 Edwards Amasa Park, D.D., LL.D.
 (1862*) 4 June 1900
 1945 Arthur Caswell Parker, Sc.D., L.H.D.
 (1954*) 1 January 1955
 1822 Hon. Isaac Parker, LL.D. 25 July 1830
 1818 Rev. Francis Parkman, D.D. 12 November 1852
 1880 Henry Parkman, LL.B. 24 June 1924
 1804 Samuel Parkman, Esq. 11 June 1824
 1962 *Loomis Patrick, LL.B.* West Newton
 1957 *Gilbert Russell Payson, A.B.* Cambridge
 1787 Rev. Phillips Payson, D.D. 11 January 1801

1840	Rev. Andrew Preston Peabody, D.D., LL.D.	10 March 1893
1839	Rev. Ephraim Peabody, D.D.	28 November 1856
1886	Rev. Francis Greenwood Peabody, D.D., LL.D.	28 December 1936
1874	Col. Oliver White Peabody	23 October 1896
1803	Rev. Eliphalet Pearson, LL.D.	12 September 1826
1963	<i>Rev. Albert Jacob Penner, D.D.</i>	<i>Boston</i>
1937	<i>Rev. Leslie Talbot Pennington, L.H.D., D.D.</i>	<i>West Newton</i>
1942	Rev. James Hodges Perkins	(1947*)
1934	<i>Rev. Palfrey Perkins, D.D.</i>	<i>Boston</i>
1860	William Perkins, Esq.	13 July 1887
1927	Arthur Perry, A.B.	16 November 1930
1923	Rev. Abbott Peterson, D.D.	18 December 1955
1822	Edward Phillips	3 November 1826
1818	Hon. John Phillips, A.M.	23 May 1823
1807	Hon. Jonathan Phillips, A.M.	29 July 1860
1962	<i>Stephen Phillips, A.B.</i>	<i>Salem</i>
1844	Hon. Stephen Clarendon Phillips, A.M.	26 June 1857
1923	Stephen Willard Phillips, LL.B.	6 July 1955
1788	Hon. William Phillips	15 Jan. 1804
1792	Hon. William Phillips	26 May 1827
1886	Hon. Edward Lillie Pierce, LL.D.	6 September 1897
1811	Rev. John Pierce, D.D.	24 August 1849
1959	<i>Rev. Richard Donald Pierce, Ph.D.</i>	<i>Boston</i>
1911	William Taggard Piper, Ph.D.	25 July 1911
1948	Thomas Temple Pond, A.B.	4 April 1961
1818	Rev. Ebenezer Porter, D.D.	8 April 1834
1787	Rev. Eliphalet Porter, D.D.	7 December 1833
1811	Rev. Thomas Prentiss, D.D.	28 February 1814
1835	Rev. George Putnam, D.D.	11 April 1878
1832	Hon. Josiah Quincy, LL.D.	1 July 1864

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1822	Hon. William Reed	18 February 1837
1895	William Howell Reed	26 October 1914
1927	William Howell Reed, Jr., A.M.	9 September 1949
1959	<i>Rev. Jon Louis Regier, D.D.</i>	<i>New York</i>
1887	Rev. Grindall Reynolds, D.D.	20 September 1894
1945	Charles Oliver Richardson	1 May 1963
1837	Rev. George Ripley, LL.D.	4 July 1880
1844	Rev. Chandler Robbins, D.D.	11 September 1882
1920	Fred Norris Robinson, Ph.D., Litt.D., LL.D.	(1942*)
1804	Daniel Denison Rogers, Esq.	25 March 1825
1855	Hon. Henry Bromfield Rogers, A.M.	30 March 1887
1907	Rev. James Hardy Ropes, D.D.	8 January 1933
1942	<i>Rev. Rodney Wiley Roundy, D.D.</i>	<i>Portland, Me.</i>
1918	Hon. Arthur Prentice Rugg, LL.D.	12 June 1938
1886	Charles Theodore Russell	17 January 1896
1788	Hon. Thomas Russell	8 April 1796

1860	Hon. Lorenzo Sabine, A.M.	14 April 1877
1906	Rev. Charles Elliott St. John, D.D.	25 February 1916
1808	Josiah Salisbury, A.M.	10 February 1826
1797	Samuel Salisbury	2 May 1818
1862	Hon. Stephen Salisbury, LL.D.	24 August 1884
1837	Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, LL.D.	8 May 1845
1907	Richard Middlecott Saltonstall, A.B.	17 April 1922
1932	<i>Harry LeBaron Sampson, LL.B.</i>	<i>Boston</i>
1888	George Savil Saunders	6 June 1909
1833	Hon. James Savage, LL.D.	8 March 1873
1931	Henry Russell Scott, LL.B.	23 March 1952
1869	Rev. Edmund Hamilton Sears, D.D.	19 January 1876
1933	<i>Francis Philip Sears, LL.B.</i>	<i>Boston</i>
1905	Horace Scudder Sears	(1920*) 21 April 1923
1852	Hon. Benjamin Seaver	14 February 1856
1896	Rev. Josiah Lafayette Seward, D.D.	(1903*) 14 July 1917

1874	George Otis Shattuck, LL.B. (1894*)	23 February 1897
1834	Hon. Lemuel Shaw, LL.D.	30 March 1861
1906	Rev. Eugene Rodman Shippen, D.D. (1915*) (reëlected 1920) (1942*)	11 January 1959
1963	<i>Clifford Kenyon Shipton, Ph.D.</i>	<i>Worcester</i>
1969	Hon. Jacob Sleeper	31 March 1889
1896	Azariah Smith	14 January 1902
1948	Rev. Dwight Chichester Smith, D.D.	(1956*)
1926	Norman Burlingame Smith	18 November 1962
1930	<i>Richard Mason Smith, M.D.</i>	<i>Boston</i>
1918	Rev. Sydney Bruce Snow, D.D., Ph.D. (1923*)	7 April 1944
1922	Rev. Harold Edwin Balme Speight, D.D.	(1933*)
1922	Rev. Willard Learoyd Sperry, D.D., Litt. D.	15 May 1954
1847	Hon. Peleg Sprague, LL.D.	13 October 1880
1932	<i>Rev. Russell Henry Stafford, D.D., LL.D., Litt.D.</i> <i>Columbia, Conn.</i>	
1818	Hon. Asahel Stearns, LL.D.	5 February 1839
1917	Frank Waterman Stearns, LL.D.	6 March 1939
1865	Rev. Oliver Stearns, D.D.	18 July 1885
1891	Rev. Roderick Stebbins, S.T.B.	29 January 1928
1787	Ebenezer Storer, A.M.	6 January 1807
1833	Hon. Joseph Story, LL.D.	10 September 1845
1792	Gov. James Sullivan, LL.D.	10 December 1808
1825	Hon. Richard Sullivan, A.M.	12 December 1861
1787	Gov. Increase Sumner, A.M.	7 June 1799
1803	Rev. David Tappan, D.D.	27 August 1803
1896	John Tetlow, D.Sc.	9 December 1911
1787	Rev. Peter Thacher, D.D.	16 December 1802
1832	Hon. Peter Oxenbridge Thacher, A.M.	22 February 1843
1848	Rev. Christopher Toppan Thayer, A.M.	23 June 1880

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- 1896 Prof. James Bradley Thayer, LL.D. 14 February 1902
 1912 Col. John Eliot Thayer, A.M. 22 July 1933
 1856 Nathaniel Thayer, A.M. 7 March 1883
 1860 Hon. Benjamin Franklin Thomas, LL.D. 27 September 1878
 1888 Rev. Ruen Thomas, Ph.D., D.D. 9 November 1907
 1844 Rev. James Williams Thompson, D.D. 22 Sept. 1881
 1901 Samuel Lothrop Thorndike, LL.B. (1911*) 18 June 1911
 1814 Elisha Ticknor, A.B. 23 June 1821
 1891 Rev. Francis Tiffany, A.B. 3 September 1908
 1805 Hon. John Treadwell, A.M. 5 January 1811
 1814 Edward Tuckerman, Jr., Esq. 29 May 1843
 1818 Rev. Joseph Tuckerman, D.D. 20 April 1840
 1788 Hon. Cotton Tufts, M.D. 8 December 1815
 1922 Julius Herbert Tuttle 10 February 1945
 1891 Rev. Alexander Stevenson Twombly, D.D. 19 November 1907
 1802 Hon. Dudley Atkins Tyng, LL.D. 1 August 1829

 1846 Rev. Charles Wentworth Upham, A.M. 15 June 1875

 1939 Walter Lindsay Van Kleeck, LL.B. 2 October 1953
 1954 *Samuel Vaughan, Jr.* *Pride's Crossing*
 1914 Rev. Ambrose White Vernon, D.D., LL.D., Litt.D. (1923*) 23 August 1951

 1832 Rev. James Walker, D.D., LL.D. 23 December 1874
 1915 Rev. John Jairus Walker, A.B. 4 December 1927
 1805 Samuel Hall Walley, Esq. 25 July 1850
 1832 Thomas Wren Ward, A.M. 3 March 1858
 1811 Rev. Henry Ware, D.D. 13 June 1845
 1825 Rev. Henry Ware, Jr., D.D. 22 September 1843

1923	Henry Ware, LL.B.	22 September 1956
1887	Caleb Henry Warner	20 February 1900
1882	Hon. George Washington Warren, A.M.	13 May 1883
1825	John Collins Warren, M.D.	(1828*) 4 May 1856
1942	<i>McKinley Harold Warren, A.B.</i>	<i>Weston</i>
1902	Hon. Winslow Warren, LL.B.	3 April 1930
1858	Gov. Emory Washburn, LL.D.	18 March 1877
1851	Robert Waterston, Esq.	30 August 1869
1896	Rev. Edwin Bonaparte Webb, D.D.	20 May 1901
1822	Hon. Daniel Webster, LL.D.	24 October 1852
1942	<i>Rev. Frederick Lewis Weis, Th.D.</i>	<i>Dublin, N.H.</i>
1874	Rev. John Doane Wells, A.M.	6 November 1911
1787	Hon. Oliver Wendell, A.M.	15 January 1818
1792	Rev. Samuel West, D.D.	10 April 1808
1928	Hon. Thomas Weston, LL.B.	25 October 1959
1917	Henry Wheeler, A.B.	19 June 1945
1838	Hon. Daniel Appleton White, LL.D.	30 March 1861
1797	James White, Esq.	29 July 1824
1787	Edward Wigglesworth, Jr., D.D.	17 June 1794
1848	Edward Wigglesworth, LL.B.	15 October 1876
1892	George Wigglesworth, LL.B. (1902*)	(reelected 1907)
	(1908*) (reelected 1915)	26 November 1930
1787	Rev. Ebenezer Wight, A.M.	25 September 1821
1787	Rev. Joseph Willard, D.D., LL.D.	25 September 1804
1962	<i>Rev. Rhys Williams, LL.D.</i>	<i>Boston</i>
1787	Rev. Samuel Williams, LL.D.	2 January 1817
1945	Rev. Charles Addison Wing	(1964*)
1825	Rev. Benjamin Blydenburg Wisner, D.D.	9 February 1835
1856	Joshua Huntington Wolcott, Esq.	4 January 1891
1880	Gov. Roger Wolcott, LL.D.	21 December 1900
1792	William Woodbridge, A.M.	17 March 1836
1907	Henry Ernest Woods, A.M.	11 October 1919
1837	Rev. Alexander Young, D.D.	16 March 1854

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MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONS, 1790-1953

MAINE

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| 1791 Rev. Abiel Abbot, D.D. | 1798 Rev. Alexander McLean, A.M. |
| 1811 Rev. Ephraim Abbot, A.M. | 1792 Rev. Samuel Macclintock, D.D. |
| 1854 Rev. Joel Adams, A.M. | 1808 Rev. Hezekiah May, A.B. |
| 1818 Rev. Thomas Adams | 1834 Rev. Henry A. Miles, D.D. |
| 1807 Rev. John Allyn, D.D. | 1816 Rev. William Miltemore, A.M. |
| 1820 Rev. Jonathan Bigelow | 1815 Rev. David M. Mitchell |
| 1818 Rev. Mighill Blood | 1830 Rev. William Watson Niles |
| 1795 Rev. Alden Bradford, LL.D. | 1804 Rev. Peter Nourse, A.M. |
| 1829 Rev. Samuel Brimblecom, A.M. | 1804 Rev. Daniel Oliver, A.M. |
| 1807 Rev. Jonathan Burr, A.M. | 1808 Rev. Thaddeus Osgood |
| 1818 Rev. Jonathan Calef | 1806 Rev. Hezekiah Packard, D.D. |
| 1803 Rev. Benjamin Chadwick, A.M. | 1823 Rev. Caleb F. Page |
| 1809 Rev. Perez Chapin | 1805 Rev. Elisha Parish |
| 1829 Rev. Sylvester Clapp | 1817 Rev. Freeman Parker, A.M. |
| 1812 Rev. Robert Cochran | 1802 Rev. Seth Payson, D.D. |
| 1796 Rev. Paul Coffin, D.D. | 1826 Rev. Josiah Peet |
| 1808 Rev. Timothy Davis, A.M. | 1873 Rev. Ebenezer Nelson Peirce |
| 1817 Rev. Nathan Douglas | 1809 Abner Phelps, M.D. |
| 1814 Rev. John Dutton | 1805 Rev. Asa Piper, A.M. |
| 1803 Rev. Edmund Eastman | 1860 Rev. John A. Plummer |
| 1794 Rev. Samuel Eaton, A.M. | 1864 L. F. Plummer |
| 1810 Rev. Moses Eliot | 1810 Rev. Nathaniel Porter, D.D. |
| 1808 Rev. Daniel Emerson, A.M. | 1807 Rev. Jonathan Powers |
| 1827 Rev. George W. Fargo | 1815 Rev. Stetson Raymond, A.M. |
| 1829 Rev. William Farmer, A.M. | 1799 Rev. Samuel Read, A.B. |
| 1817 Rev. Jonathan Fisher, A.M. | 1815 Rev. John Sawyer |
| 1793 Rev. Eli Forbes, D.D. | 1807 Rev. John Scott |
| 1792 Rev. Levi Frisbie, A.M. | 1810 Rev. Samuel Sewall, A.M. |
| 1848 Rev. Edwin Jerome Gerry | 1809 Rev. Philander Shaw, A.M. |
| 1809 Rev. Daniel Grosvenor, A.M. | 1809 Rev. David Smith, A.M. |
| 1806 Rev. Samuel Hidden | 1807 Rev. Marshfield Steele |
| 1792 Rev. Peter Holt, A.M. | 1796 Rev. John Strickland, A.M. |
| 1853 Rev. Thomas D. Howard, A.B. | 1795 Mr. Elisha Sylvester |
| 1823 Rev. Carlton Hurd | 1794 Rev. Joseph Thaxter, A.M. |
| 1831 Rev. Jonathan Huse, A.M. | 1793 Rev. John Thompson, A.M. |
| 1805 Rev. Mr. Jewett | 1816 Rev. Henry True |
| 1795 Rev. Alfred Johnson, A.M. | 1811 Rev. Silas Warren, A.B. |
| 1819 Rev. Elijah Kellogg, A.M. | 1808 Rev. Nathaniel Webster, A.M. |
| 1791 Rev. Daniel Little, Jr., A.M. | 1835 Rev. George W. Wells, A.M. |
| 1808 Rev. Asa Lyman | 1823 Rev. James Weston |
| 1791 Rev. James Lyon, A.M. | 1809 Rev. David Williston |

NEW HAMPSHIRE (Isle of Shoals)

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| 1856 Rev. George R. Beebe | 1806 Rev. Daniel Lovejoy |
| 1848 Rev. Lorenzo D. Blodgett | 1853 Rev. John Mason |
| 1851 Rev. O. D. Eastman | 1844 Rev. Abraham Plumer (43 yrs.) |
| 1857 Rev. Joshua Eaton | 1837 Rev. Origin Smith |
| 1799 Rev. Jacob Emerson, A.M. | 1802 Rev. Josiah Stephens |
| 1842 Rev. A. Hall | 1853 Mr. L. S. Thaxter |
| 1871 Mr. William Hewes | 1807 Enoch Whipple, A.M. |
| 1865 Rev. Increase Sumner Lincoln, A.M. (at Richmond) | |

MASSACHUSETTS (Mashpee)

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| 1813 Rev. Joseph Badger | 1812 Rev. Phineas Fish, A.M. |
| 1808 Rev. Elisha Clap, A.M. | 1790 Rev. Gideon Hawley, A.M. |
| (Martha's Vineyard) | |
| 1818 Rev. Frederic Baylies | 1869 Rev. Daniel Waldo Stevens, A.M. |
| 1852 Rev. C. Bray | 1800 Esther Taconet |
| 1790 Rev. Zachariah Mayhew | |

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| 1853 Rev. William Barry, A.M. | 1822 Rev. Joseph Lake (Nantucket) |
| 1821 Rev. Thomas Noyes, A.M. | 1802 Nathaniel Ely (Longmeadow) |

RHODE ISLAND

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| 1808 Rev. Curtis Coe, A.M. | 1813 Rev. Jeremiah Niles |
| 1810 Rev. John Tenny | |

VERMONT

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| 1829 Rev. Timothy Foster Rogers, A.M. | 1809 Rev. Samuel Sargent |
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NEW YORK (Oneida)

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| 1792 Mr. Calkins | 1792 Rev. Samuel Kirkland, A.M. |
| 1859 Cornelius (native preacher) | 1859 Johnson (native preacher) |
| (Onondaga) | (Senecas) |
| 1848 Rev. Samuel Joseph May, A.M. | 1864 Maris B. Pierce (1864-1886) |
| (St. Regis Indians) | (Stockbridge, N.Y.) |
| 1859 Mr. Jordon (Methodist) | 1790 Rev. John Sargeant, Jr. |
| 1853 Rev. Rufus E. King | 1825 Rev. John Sargeant, 3rd. |
| 1847 Rev. Henry Emmons (Vernon) | |

CANADA

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| 1853 Rev. Mr. Krebbs (1853-1860) | 1855 Rev. Hiram Wilson (1855-1865) |
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CANADA WEST

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| 1861 Josiah Henson (1861-1882) | 1857 Rev. A. Sickles (1857-1863) |
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ILLINOIS

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| 1846 Rev. Augustus H. Conant | 1843 Rev. Joseph Harrington, A.M. |
| 1865 Rev. Jasper Lewis Douthit | 1843 Rev. W. P. Huntington, M.D. |
| 1857 Rev. Jacob G. Forman | 1856 Rev. James Robert McFarland |
| 1852 Rev. William A. Fuller | 1860 Rev. John A. Mason |
| 1854 Rev. William D'Arcy Haley | 1843 Rev. George Morse |
| 1846 Rev. George Wheelock Woodward, A.B. | |

OTHER STATES

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| 1848 Rev. T. C. Adams | 1840 Rev. Benjamin Huntoon, A.M. |
| 1817 Rev. Timothy Alden, A.M. | 1843 Rev. John Huss |
| 1846 Rev. J. P. Bardwell | 1857 Rev. I. M. Lecky |
| 1876 Miss S. J. Bell | 1845 Rev. William Henry Lord, A.B. |
| 1874 Rev. Henry F. Bond, A.M. | 1814 Rev. Samuel John Mills, A.M. |
| 1876 Rev. Edward H. Danforth | 1840 Rev. James Handasyd Perkins |
| 1845 Rev. Mordecai De Lange | 1883 Rev. Thomas L. Riggs |
| 1853 Rev. Edward Edmunds | 1881 Rev. Joseph D. Robertson |
| 1875 Rev. Thomas Lamb Eliot, D.D. | 1814 Mr. Schermerhorn |
| 1843 Rev. William G. Eliot, D.D. | 1872 Mrs. Harriet D. Watts |
| 1839 Rev. Alpheus Harding, A.M. | 1846 Rev. Eleazer Williams |

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Schools, Colleges and Societies assisted by the Society: 1843-1953

- African Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society, 1868-1874.
 Albion Seminary, Michigan, 1845-1861.
 Atlanta University (Georgia), 1903-1909.
 Calhoun Colored School, 1896-1909.
 Canada Indian Missionary Society, 1861-1873.
 Claflin University (South Carolina), 1875-1889.
 Crow Indian Mission, see Montana Industrial School, 1888-1895.
 Dixie Hospital, 1895-1909.
 Drury College (Missouri), 1879-1882.
 Dwight Cherokee Mission School, 1843 (now in Oklahoma).
 Friends Committee on Indian Affairs, 1905-1911.
 Gay Head Indians (Martha's Vineyard, Mass.), 1852-1953.
 Hampton Institute (Virginia), 1887-1911.
 Hampton Institute — For education of Indian graduates who give exceptional promise, 1887-1911.
 Howard Free School for Colored Persons, 1869.
 Hungerford Industrial School, 1903-1909.

Indian Industries, 1906-1911.
 Lawrence University, Wisconsin, 1854-1878.
 Lincoln Institute for Colored Persons (Missouri), 1871-1881.
 Manassas School, 1898-1909.
 Mission to the American Indians, 1887. (In charge of Rev. H. F. Bond).
 Montana Industrial School (for Crow Indians), 1888-1895.
 Montgomery Industrial School, 1905-1910.
 Mt. Meigs Colored School, 1904-1909.
 National Theological Institute for Colored, Washington, D. C., 1871-1873.
 Oahe Industrial School (Dakota), 1883-1911.
 Portland, Oregon, work under Rev. T. L. Eliot, 1875-1904.
 Riggs Institute (South Dakota), 1883-1911.
 Santee Normal and Training School (Nebraska), 1910-1911.
 Scandinavian Mission in Minnesota, 1857-1889.
 Scandinavian Mission in Wisconsin, 1857-1864.
 Senecas on the Cattaraugus Reservation, 1887.
 South Dakota Industrial School, 1907-1908.
 Tuskegee Normal School (Alabama), 1890-1909.
 Twinsburg Seminary, Ohio, 1849-1874.
 Wesleyan Seminary, Michigan, 1845-1861.
 Western Minnesota Seminary, 1890.
 Wilberforce University (Ohio), 1866-1874.
 Windom Institute, 1892-1901.
 Woodville Farm School (Georgia), 1875-1878.
 Yankton College (Dakota), 1891-1900.

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Field Secretaries of the Society, 1910-1953

1910-1911 Rev. George Frederick Kenngott, Ph.D., D.D.
 1911-1927 Rev. Arthur P. Wedge.
 1927-1953 Rev. G. Elmer E. Lindquist, D.D., *emeritus* 1953-
 1953- Rev. E. Russell Carter, A.M.

Missionaries, 1790-1964	167.	Schools and Colleges aided	41.
		Missionary Stations ¹	43.
		Total:	84.1

¹ This does not include the many stations in some eastern states such as Maine where all the missionaries are grouped together.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

*In the Year of our Lord,
one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven.*

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN PERSONS, BY THE NAME OF THE
SOCIETY, FOR PROPAGATING THE GOSPEL AMONG THE INDIANS AND
OTHERS, IN NORTH AMERICA

WHEREAS divers persons have petitioned this Court for an act of incorporation, whereby they may be the better enabled to carry into effect their design of propagating the gospel among the Indians and others in North-America, and it is reasonable that the prayer of the said petition should be granted: therefore, to promote and encourage the same,

Be it enacted by the Senate, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Richard Cranch, of Braintree, Esq; Rev. John Clark, of Boston, Francis Dana, of Cambridge, Esq; Rev. Joseph Eckley and John Elliot, of Boston, Rev. Nathaniel Emmons, of Franklin, Rev. Levi Frisbie, of Ipswich, Moses Gill, of Princeton, and William Hyslop, of Brookline, Esq's. Rev. Timothy Hilliard, of Cambridge, Jonathan Mason, of Boston, Esq; Rev. Phillips Payson, of Chelsea, Rev. Eliphalet Porter, and Increase Sumner, Esq; of Roxbury, Ebenezer Storer, Esq; Rev. Peter Thacher and Oliver Wendell, Esq; of Boston, Rev. Joseph Willard and Edward Wigglesworth, and Samuel Williams, Doctor of Laws, of Cambridge, and the Rev. Ebenezer Wight, of Boston, be, with such others as they shall elect, and they hereby are incorporated, and made a body politic, for the purpose aforesaid, by the name of the Society for propagating the Gospel among the Indians, and others, in North-America; and the Society aforesaid, shall have perpetual

succession, and may have a common seal, which it shall be lawful for them to change, break, alter and make new at pleasure, and may purchase and hold in succession, lands, tenements, and real estate of any kind, the annual income and profits whereof not to exceed the value of *two thousand pounds*. And the said Society is hereby enabled to take and receive subscriptions, of charitably disposed persons, and may take any personal estate in succession; and all donations to the Society, either by subscriptions, legacy or otherwise, excepting such as may be differently appropriated by the donors, shall make a part of, or be put into the capital stock of the Society, which shall be put out on interest, on good security, or otherwise improved to the best advantage, and the income or profits, applied to the purpose of propagating the gospel among the said Indians, in such manner as they shall judge most conducive to answer the design of their institution; and also among other people, who through poverty or other circumstances, are destitute of the means of religious instruction: And the said Society is hereby empowered to give such instructions, orders and encouragements to their officers, and those they shall employ, as they shall judge necessary; and the persons employed as teachers in any capacity, shall be men of the protestant religion, of reputed piety, loyalty, prudence, knowledge and literature, and of other Christian and necessary qualifications suited to their respective stations.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Society shall meet at some convenient place in the town of Boston, on the first Thursday of December next, and then chuse a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, and such other officers as they shall judge proper, and may make bye-laws, and orders, for the regulation of the said Society; provided such bye-laws and orders

be not repugnant to the laws of the land, and act upon all matters which they apprehend needful to promote the end of their institution; and the officers so chosen shall continue in their office, until the Thursday next succeeding the last Wednesday of May next following the time of their appointment.

And be it further enacted, That there shall be a general meeting of the members of the said society, at Boston aforesaid, or in any other place within this Commonwealth, (unless some extraordinary occurrence prevent the same) on the Thursday aforesaid in May, and first Thursday of November, yearly, forever, and oftner if needful, when and where the said Society shall think fit; and any seven of the members (the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary always to be one) being convened at the said times and places, are hereby declared to be a quorum of the said general meeting; and the said Society at their general meeting, in May in every year, (and in case of any extraordinary occurrence preventing their meeting, then at their next general meeting after) shall out of their own body, by a majority of the members present elect a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, and such other officers as they shall find needful, to continue in office until the May meeting next following their appointment, or until others be chosen to succeed them; and all the officers aforesaid, before they shall be qualified to act, shall be under oath, for the faithful performance of their respective trusts; and the said Society, at their first, or any other stated meeting (and at no other) may elect into their body, such persons, as they shall judge qualified, to assist them in their good design; provided the whole number of the said Society shall at no time exceed fifty members; and may appoint committees to prosecute the orders of any general meeting,

audit the Treasurer's accounts, and prepare matters for the Society to act upon; and such committees shall exhibit an account of their proceedings, at the general meetings of the said Society.

And be it enacted, That the Society aforesaid, by the name aforesaid, shall be, and is hereby declared to be capable to prosecute, pursue, and defend, in all Courts, and places, and before all proper Judges whatsoever, all actions, causes, processes and pleas, of what kind or nature soever, in the fullest and amplest manner; and if it shall happen that the said Society, shall become seized of lands, or tenements by mortgage, as security for the payment of any debts, or by levying executions on lands for discharge of debts, due to the said Society, it shall be lawful for the said Society, by deed under the hand and seal of their President, for the time being, to sell and convey the lands acquired in either of the two mentioned ways; provided that no such sale shall be made, or concluded on, but at some general stated meeting.

And be it further enacted, That the said Society be, and hereby is empowered, upon the death of their President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, or any other officer, to choose others at any stated general meeting, to succeed them; and may also remove any of their officers, when they shall judge expedient, and appoint others to succeed them therein. *Providing always*, That no member shall be removed, or officers displaced, unless at one of the stated general meetings as aforesaid. — And to the end, that the members of the said Society, and all contributors to the said design, may know the state of the Society's stock, and the dispositions of the profits thereof, and of all the donations made to the said Society:

Be it further enacted, That a particular account of such stock and disposition, shall be exhibited by the Treasurer,

at every stated general meeting; which accounts, the Secretary, or a committee of the said Society, (having examined the same) shall certify to be true; and fair entries shall be made, in proper books, to be provided for that purpose, of all donations made to the said Society, and of all the estate, both real and personal, belonging to the Society, and of the incomes thereof, and also of all transactions, either by themselves, their officers, or committees, for, or on account of the said Society; and the said books shall be brought to the stated general meetings of the Society, and be there open for the perusal and examination of the members.

And it is further enacted, that *Moses Gill*, Esq; be, and he hereby is authorized, by public notification, in *Adams* and *Nourse's* Independent Chronicle, to call the first meeting of the said Society, at such time and place, in the town of Boston, as he shall judge proper.

In the *House of Representatives*, November 17, 1787.

This Bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

JAMES WARREN, Speaker.

In the *Senate*, November 19, 1787

This Bill having had two several readings, passed to be enacted.

SAMUEL ADAMS, President.

Approved

JOHN HANCOCK.

True Copy. Attest.

JOHN AVERY, jun. Secretary.

THE Members of the said Society, are hereby notified to meet at the *Senate-Chamber*, in Boston, on Thursday, the 6th of December next, at 11 o'clock, A.M. for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Act.

Boston, November 23, 1787.

MOSES GILL

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SOCIETY FOR PROPAGATING THE GOSPEL AMONG THE INDIANS AND OTHERS IN NORTH AMERICA TO FIX THE DATE OF ITS ANNUAL MEETING AND THE NUMBER OF ITS STATED GENERAL MEETINGS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians and others in North America may fix the date of its annual meeting and may determine the number of its stated general meetings to be held in each year; and the treasurer shall not be required to exhibit a particular account of the stock and disbursements at any stated general meeting except the annual meeting unless requested to do so by a vote of the society.

Section 2. Anything in the charter of the said society, incorporated by an act passed November nineteen, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, which is inconsistent with section one of this act is hereby repealed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 17, 1907.

Acts and Resolves, 1907, Chapter 528

BY-LAWS

As of June 1, 1964

I

NAME

This Society shall be known as the Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians and Others in North America.

II

OFFICERS

The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting on the third Thursday in May in each year; and there shall also be chosen by ballot at such meeting a Vice-Treasurer and Assistant Secretary; a Select Committee of five members, the President also to be a member *ex officio*; an Auditing Committee of two members, only one of whom shall be upon the Select Committee; and a Finance Committee of three members.

All of said officers and others so chosen shall hold their offices for one year or until others shall be chosen in their places.

III

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

It shall be the duty of the President, or in his absence that of the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Society or of the Select Committee. In the absence of both, any member present may be chosen to preside.

IV

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

I. The Select Committee shall consider, prepare, and report such matters as they shall deem necessary for the consideration of the stated meetings, and in general devise such plans and measures as they deem best calculated for accomplishing the designs of the Society, but this shall not preclude any member from laying before the Society other matters for their action.

II. The Select Committee shall give instructions to any missionaries employed, not repugnant to the rules of the Society; examine into all matters that concern the same; and report from time to time to the Society as to the success of the missions and as to matters relating thereto.

V

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee shall have general supervision of all funds and investments and may authorize and direct the Treasurer to sell any property of the Society and transfer the same, except in case of donations specially given and invested and referred to in Article VII, Section I, and may direct investment of proceeds or of any new funds or property coming to the Society.

VI

SECRETARY

I. The Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Society and shall attend all meetings of the Society and of the Select Committee and keep records of the same which shall include all appropriations and donations.

II. In his absence the Assistant Secretary shall possess the powers and be charged with the duties of the Secretary.

VII

TREASURER

I. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due or payable and all bequests and donations and shall invest and care for the same with the approval of the Finance Committee, unless in cases where donors may provide for the investment or care, or the Society may give special directions; he shall pay such sums out of the treasury as the Society or the Select Committee shall vote or direct, and shall keep records of all receipts and disbursements, together with a list of all real and personal property belonging to the Society, and of any sales or investments made, the records of which shall be laid before the Society at each meeting.

II. The Treasurer shall submit a report to the annual meeting, which shall contain a report of the Auditing Committee.

III. In case of the absence or inability of the Treasurer, or if any vacancy shall occur in his office, the Vice-Treasurer shall exercise all the powers of the Treasurer until the office shall be duly filled.

VIII

MEETINGS

The annual meeting shall be held on the third Thursday in May of each year, and special meetings may be called by the President, or in his absence by the Vice-President, or at the request to the President of three members of the Select Committee.

The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Society by mailing a notification thereof at least three days before the meeting to each member of the Society at his last known address, and he shall reasonably notify all meetings of the Select Committee. The Select Committee shall hold a meeting within fourteen days before each annual meeting.

IX

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

I. Every member of the Society shall have the right to nominate candidates for members, by entering upon a book kept by the Secretary for the purpose the name and address of the candidate and by whom and when nominated.

II. Members shall be elected at the annual meetings from such nomination list, by ballot, and the votes of three-fourths of the members present shall be necessary for the election of new members.

III. Nominations of more than three years' standing shall be erased from the nomination book, but may, however, be renewed.

IV. The membership of the Society shall be limited to fifty.

X

MISSIONARIES

Missionaries may be appointed by the Society at any meeting, or by the Select Committee, and such appointees shall report quarterly to the President or Secretary full details of their services and proceedings, and they may be dismissed or suspended for cause by order of the President with the advice of the Select Committee.

All missionaries or teachers employed by the Society shall be of the Protestant religion.

XI

QUORUM

Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Society.

XII

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed at any meeting of the Society by vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice having been given in the call for the meeting of the proposed action.

